

Georgia Department of Human Services

COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts & Stimulus Funding Overview

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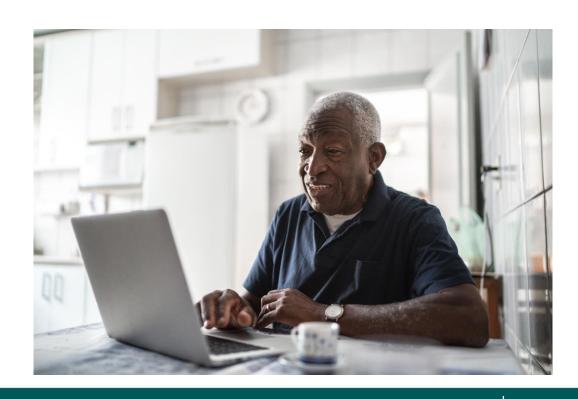
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- COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts
- Serving Homebound Georgians
- Best Practices Across the State
- Overview of Stimulus Funding



Impact of the Pandemic

- On March 11th, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 as a pandemic. As a safety precaution, all individuals were advised to shelter in place, specifically, older adults and individuals with compromised immune systems.
- On March 23rd Governor Kemp issued Georgia's first Shelter in Place Order.

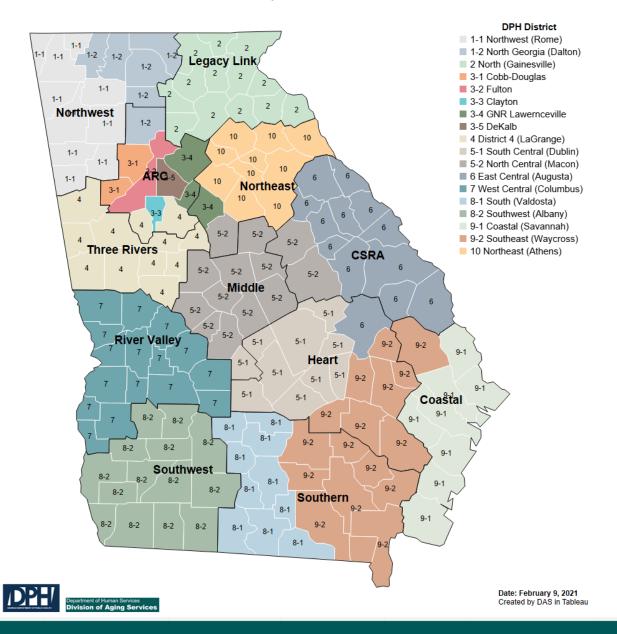


Assisting Persons Under Guardianship

- Case managers received training on COVID-19 Vaccination
- Contacted persons under guardianship to:
 - Have confidence conversations
 - Disseminate vaccination materials
 - Gauge comfort level with vaccination
- Reached out to physicians to ensure safety
- Scheduled vaccination appointments



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Georgia Vaccination Efforts

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ATLANTA - The Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Department of Public Health (DPH) are joining efforts to ensure vulnerable seniors get access to the COVID-19 vaccine. DPH, DHS and local Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) will be helping older adults to sign up for and coordinate transportation services to vaccination appointments across the state.

"This partnership is a great example of the way Georgia is answering the call to protect its residents from COVID-19 and get vulnerable populations vaccinated," Gov. Brian P. Kemp said.

Georgia is currently in Phase 1A+ of its vaccination administration plan, which allows for people age 65 and older and their caregivers to be vaccinated. The 12 AAAs, which are part of the DHS Division of Aging Services network, will work with DPH's 18 public health districts to make contact with local seniors and plan vaccination events at senior centers and other safe community settings.

"Vaccination is so important for people aged 65 and older, but for those without a social support system to help them navigate a website, getting a vaccine can be extremely difficult," said Kathleen E. Toomey, M.D., M.P.H., commissioner, Georgia Department of Public Health. "This collaboration with DHS and AAAs demonstrates our collective ability to get the vaccine to the vulnerable individuals in Georgia who need it most."

This month, AAAs are beginning to reach out to seniors and their caregivers who are currently enrolled in services through Home and Community Based Service programs, which include services like home-delivered meals, personal

- DHS/Area Agencies on Aging(AAAs) planning vaccination events with Public Health Districts & assisting current clients with:
 - > Help clients accessing and navigating registration
 - > Coordinating transportation to vaccination sites for AAA clients who need transportation assistance with DHS **Coordinated Transportation Services**
 - Coordinating second dose vaccinations
- Assisting with homebound adults



Snap Shot of Best Practices

Macon, GA—Middle AAA

- Partnering with Navicent Health in Macon to work with their mobile vaccination clinics. Setting aside slots for AAA clients
- Partnering with faith-based community (including advertising on church websites)
- Client vaccinations completed in several counties

Augusta, GA – CSRA AAA

- Hosting several vaccination events at senior centers
- Updating resource list (vaccination sites) daily for callers. In some cases, Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) staff make appointments for non-clients who do not have access to a computer.

Columbus, GA – River Valley AAA

- Facilitating between senior communities and public health to set up vaccination events. Columbus Housing Authority continues to schedule vaccination events.
- The local health district partnered with a senior community and a church to provide a
 vaccine clinic at the church and at the community.



Helpful Resources

- Register for your vaccine:

 https://myvaccinegeorgia.com
 (GEMA mass vaccination clinics)
 - https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-vaccine
 - Call 888-457-0186 to make your appointment
- Register for a homebound vaccination:
 - Call 888-457-0186 to make your appointment
 - Email <u>HVS@dph.ga.gov</u> with the following information for the person who requires at home vaccination:
 - Name
 - Date of birth
 - Address
 - City
 - County
 - Contact phone number
- For information about available resources in your area:
 - www.Aging.Georgia.gov
 - 866-552-4464



Stimulus Funding Overview

Funding Stream & Title	Award
Coronavirus Aid, Relief & Economic Security Act (CARES), III-E	\$2,597,565
Coronavirus Aid, Relief & Economic Security Act (CARES), III-C	\$13,054,846
Coronavirus Aid, Relief & Economic Security Act (CARES), III-B	\$5,439,519
Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), III-C1	\$2,175,808
Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), III-C2	\$4,351,615
No Wrong Door (NWD) COVID 19	\$1,705,454
Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA)/APS, XX 2042(b)	\$2,490,713
Centers for Disease Control (CDC)/Vaccine Access, Public Health Act	\$1,370,501
TOTAL	\$33,186,021





Questions?

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